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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

BAEMPFFER ET AL.

Examiner

Dang D. Le

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-5 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 11 October 2005 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☒ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 10/11/05.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. The abstract of the disclosure is objected to because it contains the words "comprises" and "said" at line 1. Correction is required. See MPEP § 608.01(b).

Drawings

2. The drawings are objected to under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Therefore, the number of laminates, the number of slots, and the multiple of the number as recited in claim 3 must be shown or the feature(s) canceled from the claim(s). No new matter should be entered.

Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet" or "New

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Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Objections

3. Claim 3 is objected to because of the following informalities: it is not clear what "the multiple of the number" is. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

5. Claims 1-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Yamada et al. (EP 1 091 473 A2).

Regarding claim 1; Yamada et al. shows a fuel pump (patentable weight not given) comprising an electric motor which has a commutator (Figures 1 and 2) having a plurality of laminates (15) and carbon brushes (17a) which slide over the laminates, and which has coils (19-22) which are electrically connected to individual laminates and are arranged in slots in an armature, characterized in that a plurality of laminates (15) are covered by one carbon brush (17a) in each case in each rotary position of the commutator (14) in relation to the carbon brushes (17a).

Regarding claim 2, Yamada et al. also shows each of the carbon brushes (17b, Figure 1) is as wide as two laminates (15) plus a single insulation layer (between 15) between the laminates (17).

Regarding claim 3, Yamada et al. also shows the number of laminates (15) of the commutator (14) corresponds to a multiple of the number of slots, and in that a plurality of half-coils (19 and 20) are arranged in a single slot in accordance with the multiple of the number.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

8. Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Raad (6,578,681) and further in view of Savage et al. (3,042,822).

Regarding claim 4, Yamada et al. shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for the carbon brush for operating the electric motor at 42 volts has a resistivity of 300 to 400 micro-ohm.

Raad shows that the brush can be made to operate at 42 volts (column 9, line 51) for the purpose of utilizing the new power system.

Savage et al. shows that the brush can be made at low resistivity for the purpose of reducing heat.

Since Yamada et al., Raad, and Savage et al. are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to make the carbon brush for operating the electric motor at 42 volts and with a resistivity of 300 to 400 micro-ohm as respectively taught by Raad and Savage et al. for the purposes discussed above.

9. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamada et al. in view of Katoh et al. (6,528,923).

Regarding claim 5, Yamada et al. shows all of the limitations of the claimed invention except for the carbon brushes being axially pre-stressed on a disk-like commutator have a trapezoidal cross section and being arranged with the narrow end of the trapezoid close to a shaft of the electric motor.

Katoh et al. shows that the carbon brushes could be axially pre-stressed on a disk-like commutator having a trapezoidal cross section and being arranged with the

narrow end of the trapezoid close to a shaft of the electric motor for the purpose of extending the length of the rotor coil without increasing size.

Since Yamada et al. and Katoh et al. are all from the same field of endeavor; the purpose disclosed by one inventor would have been recognized in the pertinent art of the others.

It would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to make carbon brushes with axially pre-stressed on a disk-like commutator and with a trapezoidal cross section and being arranged with the narrow end of the trapezoid close to a shaft of the electric motor as taught by Katoh et al. for the purpose discussed above.

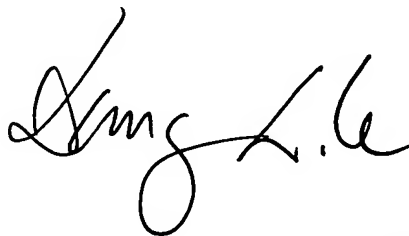
Information on How to Contact USPTO

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dang D. Le whose telephone number is (571) 272-2027. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (571) 272-2044. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dangle L. G.", is positioned above the printed name.

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PRIMARY EXAMINER**